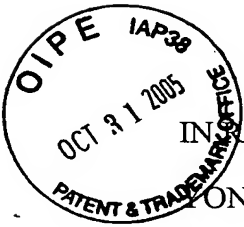


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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Communication dated August 30, 2005, please amend the
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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.